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TO: Licensed Ambulance Services

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RE: Requirements regarding two changes to the Statewide Treatment Protocols

DATE: November 26, 2001

ASPIRIN: Aspirin administration will be allowed as a BLS standing order for patients as indicated in the Chest Pain Protocol 1.5. in accordance with the following requirements:

1. Although Aspirin is an over-the-counter medication, it is still a medication administered by an EMS provider and **must** have physician oversight.
2. Providers **must** have a current valid Memorandum of Agreement with a hospital that identifies a medical director **before** the service can implement Aspirin use as part of the BLS treatment in the Chest Pain Protocol.
3. A Memorandum of Agreement for use of any medication must address the following issues: acquisition and replacement, quality assurance, treatment protocols, training, record keeping, shelf life, proper storage, security and disposal conditions.
4. If your service also has an in-house medical director, he/she **must** also be advised.
5. All providers **must** have training elements completed by January 1, 2002.
6. Services **must** be in compliance with all applicable regulations and Statewide Treatment Protocols by January 1, 2002.

GLUCOMETERS:

1. Glucometers may **only** be utilized as part of a special project waiver **and** only as part of 3.11 Acute Stroke Protocol, and at the discretion of the ambulance service.
2. Services who wish to apply for a special project waiver may download the AR 5-211 located on the OEMS web site for further information. www.state.ma.us/dph/oems.
3. Applications will be reviewed in accordance to AR-5-211.
4. No special project shall commence until the applicant receives explicit written authorization from the Department. The Department shall have the right to deny approval for any applicant who commences the special project prior to receiving explicit written approval from the Department.